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## CLAIM NO GAIN IN TRAVEL BY 2 CENTS A MILE

Railway Men Say Lower Rate  
Has No Effect Here.

Decrease in Passengers and Receipts, Says Officer.

## ROCK ISLAND-FRISCO CASE

Records Produced by T. A. Hamilton of St. Louis.

Paul Walker Cites Increase in 3-Cent Years.

Railroads applying for an increase in passenger rates threw a sensation into the hearing before the public utilities commission today when T. A. Hamilton, supervisor of efficiency for the Frisco, produced figures to show that the two cent rate had failed both to stimulate travel or increase receipts. Comparative figures since 1907 and applying to the last year under the three cent law, as affecting both the Frisco and Rock Island Lines, were offered by Hamilton.

The unexpected testimony from the lips of the Frisco official clearly surprised members of the commission. Throughout the hearing the commission had indicated that there was little question concerning the increased travel and that it in a measure at least compensated the roads for the reduction in rates. Following the offering of records by Hamilton, the commission asked that reports be produced by all roads interested in the rate case.

Figures offered by Hamilton concerned only intrastate passenger traffic and in the case of the Frisco were based on the showing for July, August and September, 1907, the last three months of the three cent fare law. In the case of the Rock Island, the showing was for the fiscal year for the final twelve months under the old law and the record under the two cent rate agreement.

**Frisco Showing.**  
This is the July, August and September passenger record of the Frisco from 1907 to date:

Year.	Intrastate Passenger Revenue.	Intrastate Freight Revenue.
1907	5,700,547	\$142,550.05
1908	5,507,470	109,000.43
1909	5,425,546	105,575.95
1910	5,142,084	102,882.94
1911	5,000,179	100,822.25
1912	4,730,514	94,044.51
1913	4,276,840	80,070.74
1914	5,500,179	100,822.25

"You don't attribute that showing to the two cent fare?" asked Chairman Bristow.

"Well, it hasn't helped us," said the Frisco representative.

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## FOR MODEL TOWN

Two Topekans Named as Judges of State Contest.

Prof. D. A. Ellsworth and Miss Linna Bressette.

Prof. William McKeever of Kansas university today announced the appointment of Prof. D. A. Ellsworth and Miss Linna Bressette as judges in the model town contest. The judges will start April 20 on an inspection tour of the various towns in the contest for Stubbs-Horner prizes and will probably make awards some time in May.

A first prize of \$1,000 for the model town for children has been offered by W. R. Stubbs of Lawrence, former governor of Kansas. A second prize of \$500 was recently offered by Charles Horner of Kansas City. The contest is confined to the 73 second class cities in the state. Of these about 40 started in the contest and when the complete list is announced in a few days, it is probable that the report will show 16 or 17 Kansas cities in the fight for the prizes.

It is the plan of Professor McKeever that the judges shall spend one day in each of the towns. The visit of the judges will be made a holiday by the civic organizations and the trip of the judges will virtually cover the entire state. The prizes are to be awarded to the model towns for growth and development of children—schools, playgrounds, general sanitary conditions and a score of other features to be considered by the judges in making their awards.

Both judges are residents of Topeka. Professor Ellsworth is secretary of the State Teachers' association while Miss Bressette is state female factory inspector. Professor McKeever, who has directed the contest, announced both appointments.

## MULES CAUSE STRIKE.

Miners Carrying Dynamite Refuse to Pass by Them.

Wilkesbarre, April 9.—Stubborn and unruly mules were responsible for a strike of 1,300 employees of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal company yesterday which completely tied up the operations. The company issued an order directing the men to enter and leave one of the veins through the main gangway instead of by outlets and crosscuts. The miners objected to the order, declaring they were compelled to carry dynamite into the chamber and that because of the presence of "stubborn and unruly mules in the gangways, our lives are endangered." Officials of the company declined to rescind the order and the men went on strike.

## 1822—ULYSSES S. GRANT—1885

"Soldier, statesman, loyal citizen he was, and yet more, for in purity of life, in love of home and wife and in the integrity of his character, in truth and honor unblemished, in manner simplicity itself—merciful to the fallen, magnanimous to the foe, magnificent in self discipline, was he not also, and in all that the grand old name implies, Grant—the gentleman?"—General Charles King, in "The True Ulysses S. Grant."

## STILL ONE MORE

Another Capper Employee Goes to Public Office.

Our Own Tom McNeal on State Text Commission.

Governor Capper today announced the appointment of T. A. McNeal of Topeka as a member of the state school textbook commission. At the same time the governor reappointed Mrs. Cora Wellhouse Bullard for another two years.

When the textbook commission was created two years ago, Mrs. Bullard was appointed by Governor Hodges. She served on the original commission which adopted new texts for state schools and installed the machinery for the publication of school books. Her term expires this month and by the action of Governor Capper will serve until 1917.

T. A. McNeal is an employee of the Capper publications and former state printer. He is regarded as a valuable member of the commission because of his knowledge of conditions at the state printing plant. McNeal succeeds S. C. Risdon of Independence, appointed by Governor Hodges following the resignation of C. A. Cain.

## "NOTHING TO SAY"

Mayor Cofran Quits by Sound of Gavel.

No Ceremony at Last Commission Meeting.

The last meeting of the present Topeka city commission was held today. When R. L. Cofran, mayor, announced the meeting adjourned, sine die and thumped the table with the mayor's gavel he wielded the gavel for the last time.

After the meeting had been called and a small amount of routine business had been transacted, the body resolved itself into an official canvassing board and checked over the results of the city election. A number of small clerical errors were discovered and corrected. There were no errors of sufficient importance to endanger the standings of the successful candidates.

After the returns had been officially certified, the board again resolved itself to a meeting of the city commission and then adjourned. There were no speeches made. Those who had expected a few remarks upon retiring from office from Mayor Cofran were disappointed.

"I did not have anything to say," was the very good reason given by the mayor.

## TO GREET WILLARD

N. Y. Prepares for Coming of the New Champion.

Kansas Society Will Participate in Mammoth Demonstration.

New York, April 9.—A public welcome and demonstration in honor of Jess Willard has been arranged for the arrival of the new world's champion heavyweight here tomorrow night. A reception committee of men prominent in the sporting world will meet him at the railroad station and an escort of parades headed by a band and including a detachment of Boy Scouts and members of the Kansas society and other organizations will lead the champion to his quarters at the St. Nicholas club. There Willard is to box four rounds with Jim Savage, his sparring partner.

Next week Willard will begin a two weeks' engagement at a local vaudeville theater. As boxing exhibitions are permitted only in licensed athletic clubs, the champion will appear in a sketch.

According to an announcement today Willard will make a theatrical tour of the country which will prevent him from boxing again for nine months or a year. In the meantime, it was thought, the real contenders for his title would be reduced to one or two.

## No Passport for Johnson.

Washington, April 9.—Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, will not carry an American passport if he leaves Cuba for Europe. Secretary Bryan said today that instructions had been sent to Minister Gonzalez in Havana not to issue him credentials. The minister has reported Johnson's application for passports.

Secretary Bryan said the state department acted without consulting the department of justice because it was familiar with the case against Johnson and knew that he had left the United States after having been convicted under the white slave law and while at liberty on \$45,000 bail pending decision of an appeal.

## DIES OF TYPHUS.

American Red Cross Physician a Victim in Serbia.

Washington, April 9.—Dr. Ernest P. Magruder of this city, one of the physicians at the head of the American Red Cross unit in Serbia, has fallen a victim to typhus fever. His death was reported today from Belgrade to Red Cross headquarters here.

## VOTE MAY 15 FOR FAIR FUND

County Commissioners Set the Election Date.

Loyal Shawnee Citizens to Declare Small Levy.

A MOST POPULAR ISSUE

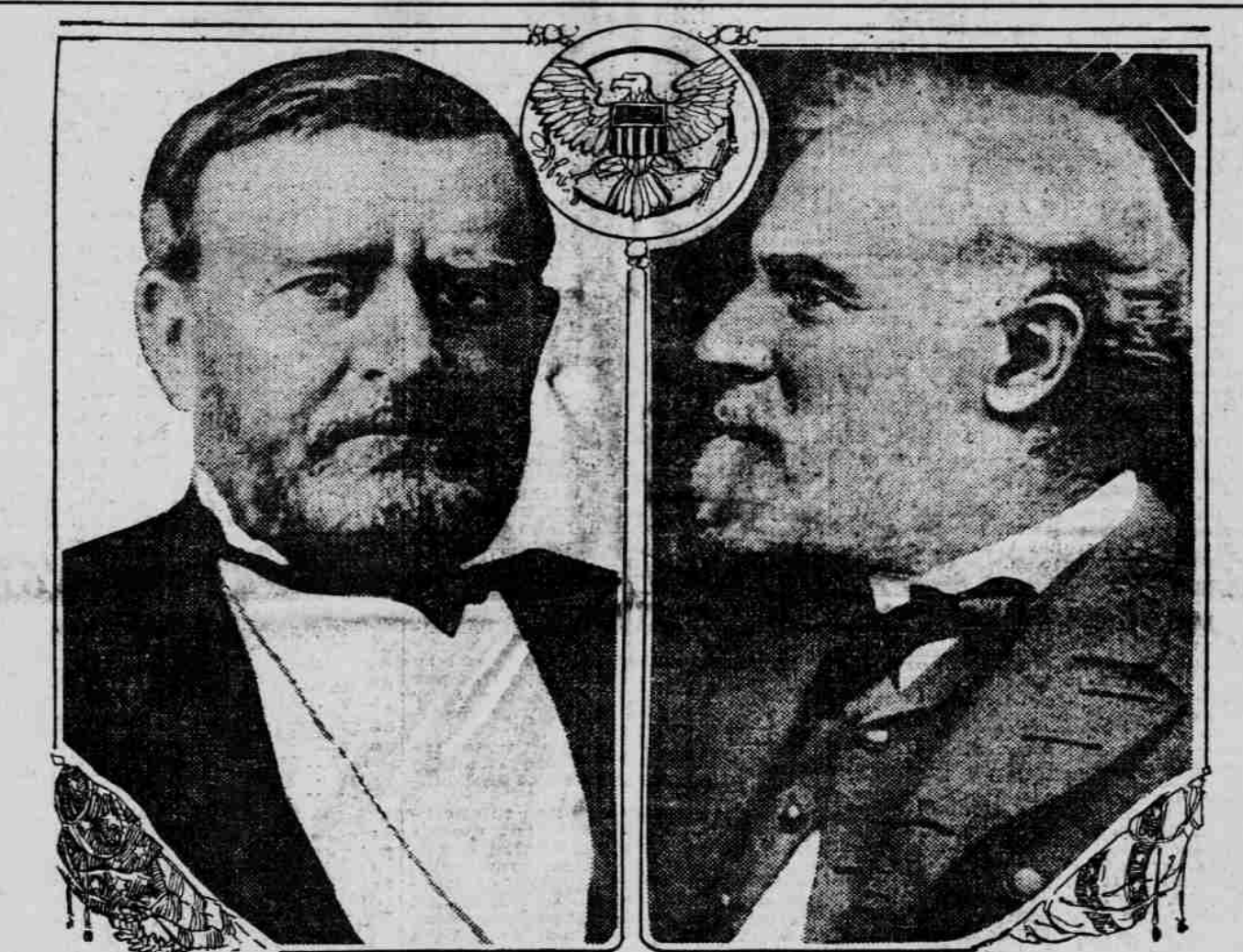
Taxpayers Will Hardly Feel One-Fourth Mill.

Voting Machines Will Be Used Free at Polls.

May 15 was today set by the board of county commissioners as the date for the special election to determine the levy of a special tax of one-fourth of one mill for the benefit of the Kansas State fair at Topeka next September.

The resolution adopted today by the county commissioners recommends that the state fair levy election which will be held in both city and county precincts be held on the same day.

## CELEBRATES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF CIVIL WAR'S CLOSE



Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee. Fifty years ago today General Robert E. Lee, commander in chief of the Confederate army, surrendered to General Grant at Appomattox, Va. It was the end of the Civil War. There was no more fighting and the other Confederate armies soon laid down their arms.

with the election in the city of Topeka. The date falls on Saturday.

Checking of the petitions submitted to the county board shows many more than the required signatures of bona fide electors, although it had not been entirely completed. A number of late signatures from outside the city came in today and were added to the main petition. The state fair levy, which will raise about \$20,000 on Shawnee county's taxable wealth of more than \$8 millions, promises to be one of the most popular issues ever placed before the people of the county. It means that the entrance to the fair grounds will for the first time be free to the general public while the premiums for livestock and other agricultural and industrial exhibits will be guaranteed.

None of the public money is to be used for the race track prizes. It all goes to awards for the exhibits and will make the entrance of an unusual number of desirable displays in all classes a certainty. The fairgoers asking the city commissioners to submit the proposition to use the machines at the same election with the fair levy proposal is now in preparation. As this requires signatures of 25 per cent of the voters of the city it is still in circulation but has, Mr. Hull said, already been signed by nearly all the more prominent business men in the downtown section. They are now being circulated among the women in residence districts and should be completed within a very few days.

The call for the voting machine election will be made by the mayor and city commissioners.

Celebrate Lee's Surrender.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 9.—Complimenting with a general order from Col. David J. Palmer, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, old soldiers all over the country are busy today celebrating the surrender of Lee to Grant just fifty years ago. In many places, according to reports received by Colonel Palmer, other patriotic societies are assisting in the celebration.

## ADVICE TO GIRLS.

Chicago, April 9.—A girl should veto drinking and smoking because the two habits interfere with promotion in love, by matrimony, according to Dr. Alfred B. Westrup, 76, who returned today from his third honeymoon. Doctor Westrup is the author of "Plenty of Money" and a book on sex. He believes in marriage ceremonies only because it's against the law not to go through with them. His wife, she was Miss Maud Denning, sex lecturer, holds the same views. She is 38.

Here are Doctor Westrup's rules for wooing:

"Be perfectly frank and have no secrets.

"Study one another during courtship to learn whether suited in magnetism and nature.

"Be liberal, if a girl—with plenty of men.

"Test the congeniality by the touch of hands—often—before marriage."

## WASSON NAMES 5

New City Commissioner Selects Department Heads.

Miss Hale, Treasurer; N. Coover Chosen Auditor.

W. H. Wasson, newly elected city commissioner of finance today announced all the appointments which

## AMERICA RIGHT SAYS JOHN BULL

Our Lack of Standing Army Is Making of Nation.

Volunteer System Approved by Kitchener's Spokesman.

EVERY BRITISH FACTORY READY

All England Can Be Organized for War Materials.

Interview Today With Parliamentary Secretary.

(By William G. Shepherd.)  
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London, April 9.—America is right in not having a great standing army made up of men forced into service. America is right in not demanding that all her young men shall give the best years of their lives to military services. America is right in going about her business, depending upon the expectation that when war comes, her voluntary system can be depended upon.

## 1807—ROBERT E. LEE—1870

"He was a foe without hate, a friend without treachery, a soldier without cruelty, and a victim without martyrdom. He was a public officer without vices, a private citizen without wrong, a neighbor without reproach, a Christian without hypocrisy, and a man without guilt. He was a Caesar without his ambition, Frederick without his tyranny, Napoleon without his selfishness, and Washington without his reward."—From an address by U. S. Senator Benjamin H. Hill of Georgia.

## FULL OF BODIES

Captured German Trenches Are Choked With Dead

So That the French Can Find No Room.

Paris, April 9.—German trenches, so choked with mangled German corpses the French troops were unable to occupy them, the woods full of dead and dying, were described in official dispatches today telling of the terrible battles now raging around St. Mihiel.

So frightful has become the loss of life in the savage attacks against the German position between St. Mihiel and Point-a-Mousson and Etan that military operations actually are being hampered by piles of dead bodies. The battles are being waged with such ferocity that neither army has time to go to the aid of its dying much less bury the dead. The sides of the Combrès plateau and the Eparges region, north of St. Mihiel, are strewn with corpses.

## HARD ON POOR KING

Italy's Crown Has Stock in German Krupp Factory.

If He Fights Kaiser He Loses His \$25,000,000.

London, April 9.—This is a story that is knocking about Germany and is brought back to London by almost every returning American:

"The king of Italy, says the German story, once owned \$25,000,000 worth of steel stock. The emperor of Germany many heard of the thrifty monarch's purchase of this stock and sent word to him that Krupp's stock was better than the American venture. The Krupp stock would pay three times as much dividends, said the kaiser, as steel.

"The king of Italy, the German story goes, took the kaiser's advice, and now, if the Berlin story is true, holds \$25,000,000 worth of stock in Krupp's cannon factory.

"And, conclude the Germans, if Italy goes to war with Germany, the Krupp stock held by the king, will be canceled. Or at least, the king of Italy has good reason to believe it will be."

## HIGHER GAS COST

Kansas Natural Receivers Apply for New Rates.

Declare They Can't Pay Dividends or Operation Expense.

Receivers of the Kansas Natural Gas company will file application late this afternoon with the Kansas public utilities commission for an increase in gas rates in Kansas. The receivers allege that under the present rates they are unable to pay dividends on the capital stock or the cost of operation.

The application was filed by A. C. Salathiel, of Independence. An immediate hearing of the application will be asked and it probably will be granted by the commission as soon as the passenger rate hearing is concluded.

The application adds another chapter to the gas troubles in the state.

## KEEP KAISER BUSY

Two Great Battles Are Raging 700 Miles Apart.

Russian Steam Roller Is Moving Forward in Hungary.

## GOULD MUST PAY

New York Supreme Court Says Wabash Stock Issue Illegal.

Financier and Others Must Fork Over Five Millions.

New York, April 9.—Geo. J. Gould and other directors of the Wabash railway were today held personally liable by the appellate division of the supreme court for \$5,133,000 for stock wrongfully issued. They were directed to pay that amount into the railway treasury immediately.

Gould and the other defendants are expected to appeal to the court of appeals.

The decision today was in the suit of James Pollicz and other stockholders to recover damages for an alleged wrongful stock issue in 1912. The lower court held that a \$20,000,000 issue was illegal but the appellate division found that the wrongful issue amounted only to \$5,133,000 with interest since October 15, 1913, for which the directors are held personally liable.

## JITNEYS IN CAPITAL

Washington Says Buses Without Licenses Will Be "Jitneys."

Washington, April 9.—Washington soon is to have jitney buses. To meet the problems their coming will offer, the District commissioners have been thinking hard. Licenses will be required and autos attempting to operate without licenses will be classed as "jitneys" and so treated. Liability insurance may be required. Definite routes will be laid out and the buses required to follow them. It is believed the coming of the jitneys will reduce present congestion on many street railway lines.

## NEW F. AND M. ORDER.

Government Modifies the Quarantine Areas in Kansas.

Washington, April 9.—An order effective April 12 modifies the federal foot and mouth quarantine. In Kansas that territory in Butler county, outside of five miles of infected premises, becomes exposed area; Cowley, Sumner and Sedgwick counties become modified areas. In Iowa Jackson county, with the exception of two townships, becomes modified area.

## ADVANCE OF ALLES HAS BEGUN

Long Promised Forward Movement Is in Progress.

Gen. Joffre Is Pushing Forward From Three Bases.

ARE OCCUPYING NEW GROUND

From Several Hundred Yards to Two Miles Deep.

Germans Offering Stubborn Resistance at Every Step.

London, April 9.—The French movement between the Meuse and the Lorraine frontier is developing a distinct offensive with General Joffre pushing his advance while the Germans are making fierce counter attacks. This is the substance of the latest dispatches reaching London from the continent.

According to an analysis of the situation by the French general staff, the French offensive movement of the last few days has been on three sectors. The first is on a front of 14 miles to the east of Verdun, the actual line running southeast from a point near Etain; the second on a front between St. Mihiel and Point-a-Mousson, where the French are attacking the valley of the Orne and are threatening the railroad beyond the River Orne with attack.

The French advance is thus being pressed from three bases in three different directions. According to Paris official reports French forces on fronts many miles long have occupied new ground measuring from several hundred yards to two miles deep. That the German resistance to these advances has been stubborn is strikingly indicated by the French report that the Germans on one point of the attack left one thousand dead on the field.

**The Political Situation.**  
Interest is again centering in Greece where former Premier Venizelos, apparently despairing of obtaining the support of King Constantine, in his efforts to secure the retraction of the repudiation of his policy, by the present cabinet, has decided to retire from politics and may leave the country.

Special dispatches from Hungary express the belief that the Russians are fighting their battles in the Carpathians for deliberate political ends, the chief of which is to sever Hungary from the dual monarchy, concluding a separate peace with Russia.

Dispatches received here by way of Athens set forth that the allied fleet, facing the Dardanelles, is not far from Bolair, on the Gallipoli peninsula, but this news is without official confirmation. Nothing has come to hand to confirm the rumor that Germany had declared war upon Holland. Military movements are reported along the Dutch border, but such activity continually has marked Holland's easy neutrality in the past and consequently the present developments are not invested with marked significance.

## KEEP KAISER BUSY

Two Great Battles Are Raging 700 Miles Apart.

Russian Steam Roller Is Moving Forward in Hungary.

London, April 9.—On two great battlefields, 700 miles apart, the allies are co-operating in a mighty attempt to crush the German army and force Austro-Hungary to sue for peace.

Unconfirmed dispatches here today indicated that the Carpathian pass was slowly to success. The Russians are pressing forward in Hungary with the Austro-Germans in retreat at nearly every point.

The furious drives of the French around St. Mihiel have caused the Germans to hurry reinforcements originally designed to stem the Russian onslaught in the Carpathians.

Various reports indicate that Hungary is in a state of terror over the Slav invasion and demanding that the dual monarchy seek a separate peace.

A Bucharest dispatch today estimated the Austro-Hungarian losses in killed, wounded and prisoners in the defense of Hungary from invasion totaled more than 300,000. At least 100,000 of these were prisoners, according to the Berlin dispatch.

The Berlin claim that France's sudden offensive around St. Mihiel was directly linked with the Russian advances upon the Carpathians is generally accepted here. Though aiming to crush the St. Mihiel wedge, the savage attacks of the French armies south of Verdun are believed to form part of a great plan of campaign worked out at Petrograd, Paris and London. General Joffre is keeping the kaiser too busy to send more aid to the retreating Austrians.

The same strategy, according to the French, saved Warsaw from Von Hindenburg after the Russian defeat in the Masurian lakes, while the Slavs were falling back out of East Prussia in a disordered retreat, their French allies began savage assaults on the German trenches in the Campaign. Von Hindenburg cried for reinforcements for a great assault on Warsaw but the general staff has none to send. Every man available was plugging the German line around Perthes.

## Weather Forecast for Kansas.

Partly cloudy and cooler tonight; Saturday fair.